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1. TEXT OF SECTION ON MALAYSIA IN SECRETARY' S 1972
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
APRIL 19 FOLLOWS IN FULL:

QUOTE GOOD RELATIONS WITH MALAYSIA CONTINUED IN 1972,
MARKED BY MALAYSIA' S HELPFUL EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO
STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND BY THE GROWTH OF
U. S.- MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC TIES. MALAYSIA' S NON- ALIGNED
FOREIGN POLICY, ITS ROLE IN ASEAN, ITS SELF- RELIANT
DRIVE TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY WHILE COMBATING TWO
COMMUNIST INSURGENCY MOVEMENTS, AND ITS PARTICIPATION
IN THE FIVE- POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT (MALAYSIA,
SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM) ARE CONSONANT WITH THE NIXON DOCTRINE AND
FORM A SOLID BASE FOR U. S.- MALAYSIAN FRIENDSHIP.

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MALAYSIA PURSUED CLOSER TIES WITH
ITS NEIGHBORS, BUILDING ON PATTERNS OF REGIONAL
COOPERATION ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE ASEAN FRAMEWORK.

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MALAYSIA ALSO EXTENDED ITS CONTACTS AND TRADE WITH THE PRC. IN OCTOBER PRIME MINISTER RAZAK EMPHASIZED MALAYSIA'S NONALIGNED POLICY BY A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, BUT HE ALSO SUPPORTED AMERICAN EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN ASIA, IN PARTICULAR BY ENDORSING PRESIDENT NIXON'S CHINA INITIATIVES.

U. S. TRADE WITH MALAYSIA INCREASED DURING THE YEAR. THE OUTLOOK FOR EXPANDED U. S. EXPORTS TO THAT COUNTRY IS GOOD. ALTHOUGH PRICES FOR MALAYSIA'S PRIMARY PRODUCTS WERE DEPRESSED AT THE BEGINNING OF 1972, THE SITUATION IMPROVED TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE ARE ALSO GOOD PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. THE MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN 1972 TO PROMOTE U. S. INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA, WHICH IS NOW ESTIMATED AT WELL OVER 200 MILLION DOLS.

WE HAVE NO BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN MALAYSIA. MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS CONFINED TO SALES AND A SMALL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MAJOR BILATERAL AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO MALAYSIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IS A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM.

THE COUNTRY CONTINUED TO IMPLEMENT ITS SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN (1971-76) LAST YEAR. THE ECONOMY EXPANDED AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 6 PERCENT. AT THE SAME TIME, MALAYSIA TOOK STRONG AND APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE ACTION TO CONTAIN COMMUNIST TERRORIST BANDS IN SARAWAK AND ALONG THE THAI- MALAYSIAN BORDER. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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